



Mr. James Derek "Elmo" Zook

January 21, 1989 - July 3, 2023

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023, at Noccoalula Falls Pavilions for James Derek "Elmo" Zook, 34, of Gadsden, who died Monday, July 3, 2023.

He was one of the "Zook Boys" on the field, a great football player, and a graduate at Gaston High School. Elmo was a hard worker and proud to be Safety and Forklift certified. He was an amazing son, brother, cousin, and step-dad who grew into an amazing man. Elmo always loved Auburn football like his mother. He was the kindest man to everyone he met.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sandra Lee Zook; grandparents, Clemuel (Mary) Harwood, Robert Ellis "Bob" Zook, and Joe Bill Strange.

Elmo is survived by his father, James "Debo" Zook; brothers, Eric (Kesha) Zook and Jacob Zook; fiancé, Kristan Wilson; stepchildren, Paden and Colson; nieces and nephews, Erica, Aiden and Melanie Zook; cousins, Bobbie Jo (Avery) Chambers, Magan (Phillip) Jones, Shawn Howell, Mikey Leek, Bobby (Tammy) Boles, Greg and Joy Harwood, Colt and Chip Weaver, Aimee Lindsey, Betty Jo "Sissy" Bone, and Cory Mayo; aunts and uncles, Kelly (Ira) Harwood, Debbie (Chris) Bobo, Debbie Weaver, Jeff (Vicki) Harwood, Becky (Mike) Thornhill; and grandmother, Virginia Strange.

Special thank to Kristan Wilson for always making him happy.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **23**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Noccalula Falls
1500 Noccalula Rd (Pavillions)
Gadsden, AL 35904

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Derek "Elmo" Zook.*



July 13, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ *You Were Amazing Anyone That Ever Met You At School Or Anywhere He would Always Ask How Are You And He Was An Awesome Football Player Go Gaston Bulldogs. RIP*

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“ *If I heard "Elmo and Jake's coming back!", one more time I don't what'd I done. But I'm so glad they did. I loved you son! Thank you Debo.*

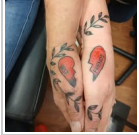
Tony Nunn - July 06, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ *I send my condolences to the Zook brothers, father, and family! You are all in my prayers.*



Bridgett Whitney - July 06, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ Elmo, you just don't know the values you have taught me. You were the most compassionate man I have ever known. Full of life and love for all. It is my honor to have been blessed to have you in my life. Your work family misses you dearly. I love you big!!!! and miss you more, but I know we will meet again! Myra Colvin

Myra Colvin - July 06, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ Elmo... where so I start. That Saturday morning when I walked in and there were two huge wet dogs laying in front of the women's bathroom door at the plant. 😭 I was like nope not today... but u helped me shoo them out. 😭 my hero. You are a good man n you will be missed . Thank you for being awesome. Love u my friend. Sending love n prayers to the family n many friends ❤️

Jessica Walls - July 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Love you man

Dustin Isbell - July 06, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ Love you brother.....WAR DAMN EAGLE....SEE YA SOON



Tyler Nunn - July 06, 2023 at 02:54 AM

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“ Sherry Young Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Derek "Elmo" Zook



Sherry Young Davis - July 06, 2023 at 02:38 AM

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So sorry to hear this. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. God comforts those who mourn; He gives peace that surpasses all understanding. May God hold you close and bring you peace.

Sherry Young Davis - July 06, 2023 at 02:42 AM

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RIP Derek 🌹🙏

Sherry Young Davis - July 06, 2023 at 02:43 AM

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“ Sherry Leath lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Derek "Elmo" Zook



Sherry Leath - July 05, 2023 at 03:46 PM

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“ Susan Silvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Derek "Elmo" Zook



Susan Silvey - July 05, 2023 at 03:17 PM